than's Commissioner has remained vacant since October/November, 1988;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that a part-time Commissioner has been posted to look after the routine work of the Sangathan; and

(c) what are the details thereof and what efforts have been made to get a regular Commissioner and the likely date by which the new incumbent is expected to join?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Pending selection to the post of Commissioner, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, on a regular basis, officiating arrangements have been made. Action is in hand for selection of a regular incumbent. However, it is not possible to indicate the exact time by which the post is likely to be filled up on regular basis as various procedural formalities are required to be completed for the purpose.

Entitlement of senior scales to PGTs of KVS

2798. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of PGTs of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan who are continuing in this grade since 1974 or earlier but have not undergone in-service course during 1981—86 and 1984—89;

(b) if so, whether they are entitled to get senior scales;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, the justification thereof; and

(d) by when the senior scales are likely to be granted to otherwise eligible candidates?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan organises in-service course for Post Graduate Teachers to cover every teacher in a cycle of five years. Some teachers could not attend these courses due to personal reasons. Details of such teachers are not available with Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan Headquarters.

(b) and (c) For grant of senior scale, every teacher is required to participate in an in-service training programme of at least three weeks duration once in every six years. The Kendriya Vidyalaya teachers who could not meet this requirement have been exempted from this by the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan for a period of two years with effect from 15.2.1989.

(d) Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has issued instructions to the Assistant Commissioners of the regions to implement the revised scales of pay including grant of Senior scales.

Indo-French co-operation in the field of Defence

2799. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indo-French co-operation in the field of space, nuclear energy and defence figured in the course of discussions between the Prime Minister and the French President in the second week of July, 1989 at Paris; and

(b) if so, the salient features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During the visit of Prime Minister to France, cooperation between the two countries in different fields including space, nuclear energy

and defence was discussed. There was agreement that expansion of cooperation in these fields should be facilitated and promoted in every way possible.

Accord regarding Siachen Issue

2800. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any accord or understanding was arrived at Islamabad Conference of Foreign Secretaries of India and Pakistan to the effect that armies of both the countries should withdraw in Siachen glacier to a particular year arrangement of occupation; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(b) what are the reasons that Prime Minister's office subsequently clarified that such understanding was not arrived at?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Funds allocated by Central Government for the development of Telugu culture in Andhra Pradesh

2801. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the funds allocated by the Central Government for the development of Telugu Culture in Andhra Pradesh during the last three years and during the current year so far;

(b) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to give financial assistance to the music and dance schools and colleges in Andhra Pradesh; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (c) Culture, including development preservation and promotion of culture is primarily a State subject. However, the Government of India through the Department of Culture's Schemes and programmes and those of the organisations under its aegis, have taken steps for the development and preservation of culture in the country. The Zonal Cultural Centres set up in the recent past have also held many programmes and workshops in different parts of the country. The activities of these organisations are nationally or regionally oriented without specific reference to any State.

In view of the above, the question of allocation of any specific amount under any of the schemes for development of any particular culture in any particular State including Andhra Pradesh does not arise. But the activities of the Government of India's institutions and organisations cover this area also.

The Sangeet Natak Akademi as part of its on-going programmes has given financial assistance to 10 cultural institutions in Andhra Pradesh during the course of the last three years and the current year. They have also in their annual Lok Utsav Festival, featured various art forms of Andhra Pradesh and also training programmes in Navajenardhanam Parijatam and Adhyatma Ramayan have been undertaken under their scheme of Preservation and Promotion of Rate Forms of performing Arts.

The Department of Culture also has, through its schemes for financial assistance, scholarship and fellowship programmes, and project concerned with dissemination and promotion of tribal and folk art, covered many organisations and institutions from Andhra Pradesh.